

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council
held at Casterton Village Hall on Thursday 28th July 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Chris Benson (Chairman), Martin Coombs, Stephen Evans and Lisa Lodge, two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Kevin Lancaster.

22/68 Public participation:

- a. A vote of thanks to the Council for the events arranged to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was proposed by Mrs Marjorie Murray and by Ken & Jill Humphris (by email). This special occasion had been enjoyed and appreciated by all, and had brought the village together. Councillor Lodge had led on this and there would be further discussion later in the meeting.
- b. Mr Richard Murray said that the Laitha Lane footpath is now easily accessible, having recently been cleared of the overgrowth, and he thanked whoever had dealt with this issue.

The Council expressed thanks to Mr Murray for the work he has done in researching the history of the parish, for the past 70 years. Several years of Council minutes are missing from the Records Office and the Clerk is investigating.

22/69 Requests for Dispensations: None.

22/70 Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

22/71 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2022, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

22/71 Finance:

- a. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

Duncan Hamlett	£50.00	Honorarium – Internal Audit
K M Price	£162.21	Quarterly expenses to 30 th June, Including use of home office and travel.

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The report from the Internal Auditor on the Council's accounts for 2021-22 was received with thanks. There were no outstanding issues to bring to the Council's attention.

- d. Councillor Lodge reported on the recent events held to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These had been a great success and a large grant had been received to enable other events to be arranged. The rules/regulations attached to the grant will be considered at the next meeting.

In the meantime it was agreed to hold a monthly Coffee Morning, the first to be held on 10th September; a Quiz Night is being arranged for 4th October, and it was agreed that Councillor Lodge will be reimbursed for her expenses, before the next meeting. A further donation of £30 had been received and this was passed to the Clerk for banking.

22/72 Planning:

The following applications were considered

S/05/50 2 Chapel Garth, High Casterton. Householder planning permission for installation of 16 solar panels and air source heat pump. Approval recommended (this has since been approved).

S/05/49 Land at Hoggs Hill, Barbon Low Fell, off Fell Lane, Casterton. Full planning permission for installation of a 25m lattice tower supporting 6 no. antennas, 4 no. transmission dishes, 2 no. equipment cabinets, 1 no. meter cabinet and ancillary development thereto including a generator and associated fuel tank, fenced compound, hard standing, and an access track for the Shared Rural Network project on behalf of Cornerstone. Approval recommended, with conditions:

- a. The Council recommends that access should be via the A683 and not via Colliers Lane, as shown on the access plan.
- b. There should be an obligation to reinstate any damage to verges.
- c. Limestone should not be used but a more suitable material.

22/73 CANS (Councils Against Speed And Noise):

Councillor Evans reported that bi-monthly meetings of the group are continuing by ZOOM. A bid for noise monitoring cameras was not successful. Liaison with the three Police Authorities continues.

22/74 Maintenance issues, etc:

- a. The presence of Japanese knotweed in Casterton woods was noted. The Clerk will make contact with Underley Estate, asking for a site visit to investigate this, and will contact Carolyn Reynolds, who reported this, to advise on progress.
- b. Defibrillators: It was noted that the present contract runs for over a year yet, after which consideration may be given to the possible re-siting of the equipment at High Casterton. An enquiry has been received from a local resident and the Clerk will respond.
- c. Council Coombs has purchased some magnetic buttons for the notice boards. The Council will reimburse.

- d. Councillor Evans circulated a map of the parish, 'NextGen Sustainable Footpaths Plan' and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- e. Proposed Greenway Kirkby Lonsdale to Ingleton. A meeting with Sustrans had been held, to which neighbouring Councils had been invited. This is ongoing and a long-term initiative.
- f. Appleby Fair 2022. It was agreed to thank Sgt Suzanne Scott-O'Neill for the policing measures for this year's event which seemed to have passed without too many problems.
- g. Potholes on Chapel House Lane and on Colliers Lane will be reported.
- h. It was resolved to plant a tree on the Village Green, opposite the Pheasant, in about four weeks time.
- i. Website. A new web page had been created for a blog by Simon Drakeford, to include suitable articles of interest.

22/75 Correspondence: None (relevant items had already been circulated)

22/76 Agenda items for the next meeting:

- a. Use of the CIL money.
- b. Re-seeding – for wild flowers.
- c. NextGen Sustainable Footpaths Plan.
- d. Jubilee Grant.

22/77 Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 13th October 2022 at 7.30pm at Casterton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed:

Dated: